—Electric Motors, starters
—Hand tools
—Machine tools, accessories
—Castings, forgings
—Chemical, process plants
—Industrial Valves
—Computer Software.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Finance is offered by way of grant to meet 50 per cent of the cost of market development activities. The objective is to accelerate export growth of target products especially in industrialised markets.

(d) The programme became effective on June 23, 1986. Out of US$ 10 million earmarked for this Fund, the position as on 10th March, 1987 is as follows :

(i) Number of proposals approved — 21

(ii) Amount approved Rs. 116 lakhs.

(iii) Disbursement made Rs. 10.6 lakhs.

ACC Dwarka

2315. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA
SHRI RAMSINGHBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Associated Cement Company's Dwarka Unit is on the verge of closure;

(b) how many workers are likely to be rendered unemployed due to the closure of this unit;

(c) whether Government have received any representation from the workers regarding the affairs of ACC's Dwarka Unit; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what action Government have taken or are proposing to take in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) and (b) According to information received from the Government of Gujarat, the management of the Associated Cement Company employing over 1300 workers had submitted an application under Section 25(O) of the Industrial Disputes Act to the State Government seeking permission to close down their unit at Dwarka.

(c) The State Government have received representations from the Workers' Union seeking revival of the unit.

(d) The application filed under Section 25(O) of the Industrial Disputes Act for permission to close down the unit was rejected by the State Government on 1.2.87. The company has once again sought a review of the State Government's Order on 11.3.87 which is under the examination of the Government of Gujarat.

2316. [*Transferred to the 19th March, 1987.*]

Attempts by Banks to Evadt Application of Industrial Disputes Act

2317. SHRI KAMALENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Grindlays Bank, P.L.C. and other foreign banks operating in the country have kept a small band of employees under the various glorified designations like 'Management Staff' for avoiding the application of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947; and

(b) if so, what remedial measures Government propose to take against these institutions for indulging in unfair labour practices?